

THE SCHOOLS.

The time of the year has come around again when schools open, and when the boys and girls give benediction to the streets as they go to and come from school swinging their satchels, and filling the streets with voices merrier than the lark. A great thing is the modern school, but the greater thing still is the boy behind the satchel. He is full of baseball and marbles, he is given to robbing birds' nests, climbing trees, tearing his clothes, having his nose barked, and having infinite trouble making clear explanations to his mother why he is what he is. But they are great chaps after all, and a person wants to live in a country where they do not exist to understand what a blank and fool old world this would be without children.

The school is an institution which, as a rule, first puts its gentle check on the bits of the boys' enthusiasm, and turns it in another channel which leads it up to make what was the crown and glory of the boy, the crown and glory of the man. The ancient world did many splendid things: its manhood developed in many exalted forms. All the heights and depths of oratory were explored and its full power brought out; in many of the arts there was a grace attained which modern men dare not hope to emulate. Poetry had its birth and grew to full perfection; there were soldiers as great as the modern world can boast, but there was nothing like our mission schools, and in no other way is the superior grace of modern civilization any better illustrated than in that one thing—our schools compared with the ancient schools.—Salt Lake Tribune.

Arthur McEwen has a bright little story in the Argonaut of September 7th. It is called "An Abalone's Secret," and sets forth a curious double romance—the love-affairs of Miss Pachita de Sola a modern San Francisco belle descended from one of the Spanish families which ruled the Presidio of San Francisco before the American occupation of California, and of her grandmother, Senorita Pachita de Sola, nearly three-quarters of a century before.

This latter romance is a curious leaf in the history of San Francisco, setting forth the adventures of a young couple who are shipwrecked on the voyage from the Presidio to Sausalito—now a ferry-trip of half an hour's duration—and drift out to sea, only being restored to their friends after several days at the mercy of the wind and waves.

Breaking the Law.

EDITOR APPEAL:—The Constitution of this State prohibits lotteries. Do the authorities know that such a law is in existence? Does the District Attorney of this county know there are four Chinese lottery companies in Carson City, each company holding two drawings daily? The District Attorney was one of the most active opponents several years ago to the proposition to repeal the clause in the Constitution of the State prohibiting lotteries. It is very strange that the Chinese are allowed to conduct lotteries and the whites not. It cannot be possible that influence, politics or money are the factors that keep the four Chinese lottery companies in existence contrary to law. It certainly would not be safe for a few white men to attempt to conduct a lottery in this city. They would be arrested and in jail in a very short time. The Chinese break the law and no attempt is made to convict them. EX CURIA.

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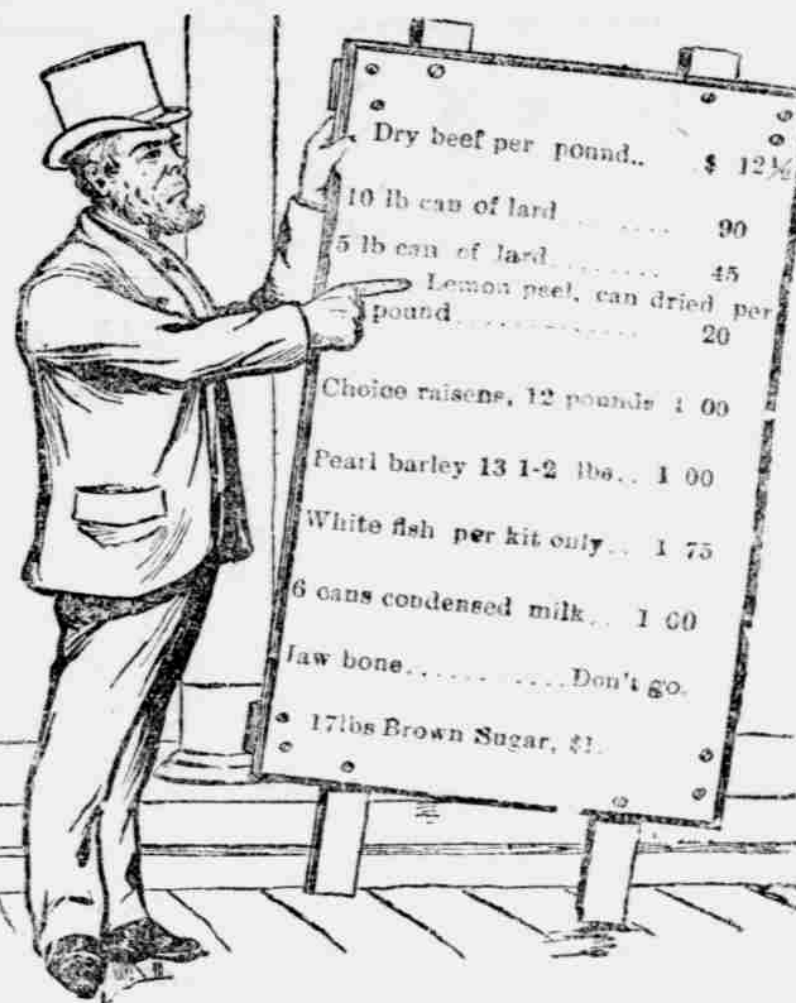
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